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To: DME Providers
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Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)

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Subject: Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE): Fee Schedule Corrections

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2005, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will no longer cover the small-size disposable underpads, HCPCS code T4542. In addition, **effective retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2005**, MAA is placing a minimum size requirement of 810 square inches on the large-size underpads, HCPCS code T4541.

Changes to Procedure Codes in the Fee Schedule

The following are updates to HCPCS codes T4541 and T4542 listed on page G.26 of the Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment Fee Schedule published with Numbered Memorandum 04-99 MAA. MAA covers underpads for use on a client's bed only and does not consider the small-size pad to be adequate for this use. Therefore, effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2005, MAA will no longer cover the small-size underpad, HCPCS code T4542. MAA will continue to cover the large-size underpads for use on clients' beds only. Effective retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2005, MAA requires a minimum size of 810 square inches for large underpads. The table below outlines the changes MAA is making to the fee schedule.

HCPCS	Modifier	Placement in Fee Scheduled	Jan 1, 2005 Max
T4541		Incontinence product, disposable underpad, large, each. For use on the client's bed only. Requires a minimum underpad size of 810 square inches. Maximum of 180 pieces allowed per client per month. Included in nursing facility daily rate. Not allowed in combination with code T4537 (NU) or T4537 (RR). <i>Minimum size requirement effective retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2005</i>	\$0.42
T4542		Incontinence product, disposable underpad, small size, each. Maximum of 180 pieces allowed per client per month. Included in nursing facility daily rate. Not allowed in combination with code T4537 (NU) or T4537 (RR). <i>Noncovered status effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2005</i>	#

Do I submit corrections to claims I've already billed to MAA for these codes?

No. The changes to the fee schedule will not require reprocessing of claims.

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached is the fee schedule, replacement pages G.1 through G.32, for MAA's current *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*. The fee schedule includes the changes listed in this memorandum, and includes some formatting changes to clarify the effective dates of the 2005 rates.

Bill MAA your usual and customary charges.

Contact Information

Send rate setting issues, questions, or comments to:

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Office of Professional Reimbursement
Division of Business and Finance
PO Box 45510
Olympia, Washington 98504-5510
(360) 725-1845
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<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/prorates/index.html>

How can I get MAA's provider issuances?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.